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## City Financial Management Praised

Prominent *Sacramento Bee* columnist Dan Walters turned his eye toward the Southland in a February 6 article that extolled the financial management and leadership of Long Beach as a model the fiscally beleaguered State of California should follow. Mr. Walters detailed the budget situation that Long Beach found itself in three years ago, how the City leaders crafted a plan, and how the plan turned the situation around.

"Long Beach's economic and social upheavals," wrote Walters in his

column, "created a financial crisis in city government whose resolution is a remarkable success story - and perhaps a lesson for politicians in Sacramento." After detailing the steps taken by City Hall, Walters recommended that the Governor and the Legislature take a few lessons in tough budget management from Long Beach.

A day later, the Press-Telegram ran an online editorial referring to Mr. Walters' praise, calling it deserved. To read both articles visit [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov).

## Red Team Fighting For Boeing C-17

Marshalling a vast array of public and private sector forces, the City of Long Beach Red Team is hard at work fighting for the continued production of the Long Beach-built Boeing C-17.

At stake are more than 6,000 Long Beach jobs and the \$850 million

the project injects each year into the local economy. Nationwide the C-17's impacts are even greater, with 25,000 jobs and \$8.4 billion in economic impact being directly related to the military cargo plane project.

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## Red Team Fighting for Boeing C-17 . . . continued from front page

At the request of the City Council, the Red Team was formed last fall by City Manager Gerald Miller. It is tasked with finding ways to help Boeing reduce the cost of building the \$160 million plane. The team is analyzing every aspect of the C-17 production and exploring everything from tax incentives and abatements to fee deferrals or reductions.

Led by Deputy City Manager Reginald Harrison and Economic Development Manager Robert Swayze, the team includes representatives from Boeing C-17 management, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the Los Angeles County Economic Development Commission, the State Housing and Transportation Departments, executives with Southern California

Edison and leaders from the City of Long Beach Water, Planning and Building, and Community Development Department.

In addition, many in the California Congressional delegation have expressed their desire to see the C-17 program continue. Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald is to be recognized for her continuing support.

The issue has even united the State Assembly. President Bush was recently sent a letter in support of continuing the C-17 program that was signed by all but one of California's state senators, and all but one of the state's assembly members.

## IN THE NEWS...

### One Team, One Mission

*An exciting career opportunity awaits you...*

Beginning in March, and continuing through May 5, the Long Beach Police and Civil Service Departments will be actively recruiting applicants for the position of Police Recruit. The City of Long Beach offers an excellent benefits package that includes a 4/40-work schedule, a 3% at age 50 retirement plan and an immediate opportunity to serve the citizens in the Long Beach community as a Police Officer.



For application information, contact the Civil Service Department at 570.6202 or apply online at: [www.longbeach.gov/civilservice](http://www.longbeach.gov/civilservice). To learn more about the Long Beach Police Department, direct your questions to: [JoinLBPD@longbeach.gov](mailto:JoinLBPD@longbeach.gov). The City of Long Beach believes in "Working Together To Serve," and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Household Hazardous Waste Roundup

*Dump That Junk Now!*

Long Beach residents can discard up to 15 gallons or 125 pounds of household hazardous waste per vehicle at a County Roundup at Veterans Stadium, 5000 Lew Davis Street, on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Hazardous waste materials include antifreeze, car batteries, used motor oil, paint, pesticides, and universal waste including household batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs. Electronic waste (e-waste) such as TVs and monitors, computers, VCRs, stereos, and cell phones can also be collected. For more information, visit [www.888CleanLA.com](http://www.888CleanLA.com).

*Start Your Engines!*

### Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach

*April 7-9, 2006*

You won't want to miss the 32nd Annual Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, a three-day racing event featuring 200-mph Champ Cars, the Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race, Drifting Exhibitions, Auto Club Lifestyle Expo, music concerts and a week of activities leading up to race weekend. For more information, visit [www.longbeachgrandprix.com](http://www.longbeachgrandprix.com) or call 888-82-SPEED.



### Remember to VOTE on Tuesday, April 11!

The Primary Nominating Election for Mayor, City Attorney, City Prosecutor, Council Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9; Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education Districts 1, 3, and 5; and Long Beach Community College District Board of Trustees Districts 1, 3, and 5 is Tuesday, April 11. The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, March 27. For more election information go to [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov).



### Kids Who Read Succeed!

More than 9,000 kindergarten students in the Long Beach Unified School District and area private schools will each receive a new library card and packet of information about the Library during the Long Beach Public Library's annual Library Card Campaign, which begins in April 2006. The goal of the campaign is to connect students at the very beginning of their academic careers to the free resources and services available at the library. The City of Long Beach, Long Beach Unified School District, and a team of dedicated teen volunteers implement this partnership project.

